

Contents of Application Package

Instructions:

Please complete all sections (A-D), save the file on your computer, and print the saved file. To attach the application to an e-mail, please make a note of the filename and send it as an e-mail attachment.

A complete application must include the following information.

Section A A completed **cover sheet** with all requested information provided.

Section B

A **description of the applicant community**, including needs, (i.e. education, under-served populations, environment, infrastructure) geographic location, and the nature of the applicant if it includes more than one community (i.e. multiple cities/townships/tribes/EZ or EC designation).

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What and Where to Submit

A copy of the complete application package, not to exceed five pages, and the following **Application Cover** sheet, should be submitted by mail or fax to:

Kym Spring
Office of Community Development
300 7th St, SW, Room 701
Washington, DC 20024
202-690-0719
Facsimile (202) 690-4510
[E-mail: kspring@ocdx.usda.gov](mailto:kspring@ocdx.usda.gov)

E-mailed applications should also be mailed or faxed.

When to Submit

The deadline for receipt of an application is 4:00 p.m. EST on May 15, 2000. The application deadline is firm as to date and hour. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Southwest Border Pilot Program Application Cover

Applicant Information

1. Name of Community(s) _____

 2. Name of Applicant Entity _____
 3. Address of Applicant Entity _____

 4. Distance from U.S. - Mexico Border _____
 5. Is your community part of a USDA or HUD designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community? ___Yes ___No
 6. Does your community have a holistic, community-based strategic plan in place? ___Yes ___No
- If **yes**, and if this plan was developed in cooperation with another state or Federal program, please indicate the name of this program. _____
7. Does your community plan document:
 - project funding from multiple Federal sources? ___Yes ___No
 - project funding from multiple levels of government? (state, local, and Federal) ___Yes ___No
 - community-based management of implementation, and continued community involvement and feedback? ___Yes ___No

Needs Data (Please see RFP for source of data being requested)

8. Unemployment rate of community (based on U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor) : <http://www.ers.usda.gov/rural/rcdi/>
9. Percentage of residents living below the poverty level (based on 1995 Bureau of the Census data). [See attached table](#): *Poverty Rate, Southwest Border Counties*.
10. County median household income percent of the state median household income (based on 1995 data from the Bureau of the Census):
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